

to side (they lined it up with the aircraft wing to prove this). It glowed orange/red. At that point a British Caledonian jet took off and flew past the LITS. As it did so the object vanished. The next day he reported it to the Control Tower, who told him it was a bright planet low on the horizon. But he believes the aircraft saw it and reported it, with the tower now party to a cover-up.

In August 1983 JG took several pictures of a "funny cloud", but these did not come out (probably overexposed). His report gives no reason to presume it was anything other than what he calls it. An unusual cloud formation.

WUFORA were doubtful that further investigation was merited as much of this evidence is open to clear alternate explanations, eg the cloud and the planet seem positive identifications. The object run over was probably some thing from the farm that blew off in the wind. Some puzzles remain, of course. But WUFORA closed the case.

FINAL WORDS

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Your editor has moved. All correspondence should now be directed to the address depicted on the front cover. The new phone number is scheduled to be (0925) 827435. Until this is available please contact me on (0925) 824036. The Wallacey address and phone number is now void.

Hospitalisation is still imminent and likely to occur between this issue and the next. Any delays to the Jul/Aug issue are apologised for at this time.

New subscribers might like to know that the following back issues are available at 60p each (post inclusive)... No 100 (Inc Abram Moss and Dan-Air B-37 case histories); 101 (official government studies update on Rendlesham Forest, Lancaster movie-film case history); 103 (Wiltshire circles, Bidston Hill CEA case history); 104 (future research, West Midlands GEE); 105 (what would a Galactic civilisation look like?); 106 (Manchester GEE); 106 (F&R, birthday comments, the MOD and UFOs update); the 1983 "Summer Report" (with the curse of the dancing gnome and other cases) is also available at 35p (post inclusive). Cheques/pos to NUFON please.

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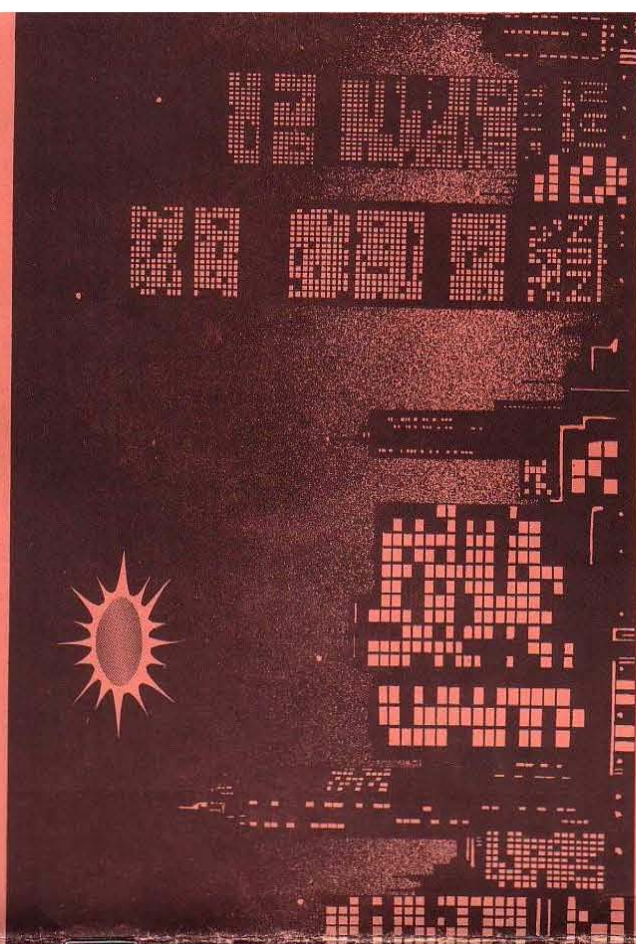
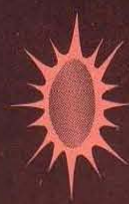
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JR Comments ...

Recently there have been some negative responses to my last two books (The Pennine UFO Mystery and UFO Reality). Whilst no writer likes criticism, every writer must expect it. So I am not too perturbed. But it is evident that not a few have a rather curious impression concerning what I now believe about UFOs, especially judging by David Simpson's review in MAGONIA (Simpson being the "government scientist" on the recent Horizon TV show who paraded his hoax pictures). So I thought I had better offer some sort of position statement...

UFOs exist. Of that I have no doubt. But "UFO" covers a multitude of different phenomena. There is not one single, all-encompassing solution to the mystery.

In recognition of this I am now forcing myself by habit (and I would suggest you do the same) to clearly distinguish between UFOs, per se, and what I call UAPs (Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena). They are wholly different things and it is very wrong to mix them up. David Simpson, either because I did not explain it well enough in my books, or because he did not read them properly, does just that and says I am proposing alien craft that kill people with dangerous radiation. That is utter twaddle, in my opinion.

UAPs are natural, physical phenomena indigenous to our atmosphere. They are presently not understood, or poorly understood, and on the borders of current knowledge in terms of atmospheric physics, cosmology and geo-physics. There are almost certainly at least two or three different sorts of UAP around. Sooner or later we will figure out what they are and what causes them - although when I say "we" I mean science. For our job, as amateurs and investigators, is to collect data, in a format that is useful to science, and stop being over-dramatic in how we present it, so that we can make serious efforts to persuade scientists to take it seriously and then use it. Until we recognise that function, and alert the relevant sciences (and there are several) to the phenomena which they ought to be studying, then UAPs will remain unexplained. We will continue to fail in our job if we keep pretending we are going to solve the origins of these assorted little enigmas. We are not qualified to do so.

Probably no UAP is going to change the world. But it is possible that some may have useful things to contribute to meritable achievements, like new sources of energy. The Devereux style earthlights is, in my view, one feasible and at least partially supported UAP type. Research into it (because it has testable parameters) makes far more sense than no research at all. I think the "get Paul Devereux brigade" are making an error that is counter-productive to the needs of ufology - although it is certainly true that we ought to be cautious about some of his more extreme ideas. The trouble is that promising avenues of exploration are being rejected too.

I strongly doubt that earthlights represent all (or even most) of the UAP data. There are other forms of seemingly natural phenomena which probably have a different explanation. Some of these do have a good deal of evidence behind them and are highly consistent within the UFO records. Stuart Campbell's ball-lightning like plasmas may be close to the nature of more than one or two. But they appear to emit broad-band radiation and be capable of inflicting harm on witnesses who get too close. In which case I feel we should be taking them more seriously and realising that to proclaim them as alien craft (when the evidence in such cases is not there) is damaging. Simpson does just that, and I cannot understand why he has misread what I am saying so significantly. Perhaps he wanted to think I really believed something else. But the truth is as above.

There is strong evidence for UAPs, as just discussed. But there are also very evident reports that do not fit this pattern, without a degree of stretching of the facts I am not prepared to accept. The only conclusion is that real UFOs also exist.

These real UFOs probably represent a small fraction of genuine "UFO reports". And they may be some sort of hallucination. There are significant suggestions within the data that some UFOs, at least, represent borderline sleep/waking experience (a form of metachoric hallucination...not quite real and not quite unreal). My recent explorations of the OZ Factor (which I regard as a major clue to the curious psychological state during which a real UFO encounter takes place) and the QC (Quasi-Conscious) Experience, which I think best describes this middle-ground on the spectrum of reality (where I believe we should really locate such things) say to me one obvious thing....

UFOs do not appear to be real, physical craft (like Concorde or an F-111). On the other hand they do not appear to be just some sort of mundane hallucination (they are far too real, or semi-real, for that). The answer lies elsewhere, and we have not realised it because we have asked the wrong question. It is not a case of - are UFOs real or not real? They are both. In which case, in a sense, they are neither.

Something is evidently causing us (as a human perceptive system, or a socio-cultural organism) to experience a "message" which concretises itself into our world as quasi-real "spaceships". There may be a psychological or psychic explanation. But I have not seen any sign of one that adequately resolves the paradoxes we find. On the other hand there may be a genuine, external causation. Contact with an intelligence that is so far beyond our normality that it is capable of (and finds it necessary to) manipulate our way of interacting with the world, in order to make its presence felt. That view is tantalisingly productive. It seems to better explain the many perplexities of the real UFO reports.

Of course, that is tantamount to accepting the reality of alien UFOs (or, more correctly, their quasi-reality). But that is the honest conclusion the facts force me to draw. It is most definitely not wishful thinking or emotional bluff (as Simpson contends). And I do always insist that this is plausible, but not proven. And I certainly believe that my concept of alien contact is miles away from the old-ETH nuts and bolts spacecraft, which it is being said I have now submitted myself to.

Quite frankly it is not that important if I am misunderstood, so long as I know what I am working towards. I hope that others can make sense of what I am seeming to discover along the way. But it is all rather confusing. So I can hardly blame David Simpson if he flounders. After all - he is only a scientist!

NEWS ROUND-UP

It's been a good time for second-hand book catalogues. The Spring 1984 ALPHA BOOKS offering contains 465 titles on myths, monsters, psychology, secret societies, UFOs etc. It's in a very neat booklet and there is some pretty rare (and cheap!) stuff in there. Send an SAE to Tony Maddock 60 Langdon Park Rd London N6 5QG

Meanwhile Arcturus Books have brought out two new catalogues, packed with specialist UFO stuff. It's the biggest collection of UFO titles around - so you must see it. Send reply coupon to Bob Girard 263 N Ballston Ave Scotia NY 12302 USA

Nigel Mortimer, of WYUFORG, has begun storing UFO data and graphs onto computer. He is interested in developing a loan system with other readers. He has a ZX Spectrum 48K - so if you have a compatible system write him at the WYUFORG address (see page four).

Walter Reid of the Junior UFO Club says he is fighting to survive and desperately needs help and donations from adults who want to support youngsters' interest in UFOs. This is our future, he claims. So if you want to offer help then write to Walter at - 15 Belle Isle Circus Belle Isle Leeds LS10 3DU

I recently heard from a medium who claims she travels "out of the body" to a very cold planet called "Andromeda 7". Its inhabitants are humanoid but they don't have a mouth and don't like earth! I wonder why? (They probably cannot swallow it!)

The birth of a new UFO group Stephen Hart, investigator for WYUFOG

Yorkshire, in particular North Yorkshire, is experiencing UFO activity on a phenomenal level (see Media Matters). Whatever the cause or origin of the UFO stimulus it frequently haunts the bleak Pennine moors. West Yorkshire has not been immune. Even after meticulous investigation a large percentage of reports remain as unknowns. So much so that the area has been called the "Warminster" of the north!

For this reason the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group (WYUFOG) was formed. Together with its fellow ufologists, who form the Yorkshire UFO Society (YUFOS) (now independent from its parent group, CONTACT UK) our aim is to scrutinise in a scientific fashion all incoming data. However, I think all serious ufologists would agree that the UFO stimulus must be observed when it is present by a team of objective people who, instead of jumping up and down with excitement, will photograph and study it. That is what WYUFOG intends to do.

We have access to a good deal of photographic equipment and results may be scrutinised for consistencies and patterns. For this reason our six-man team will be spending a lot of lonely nights on those hills. We hope to obtain a UFO spectrum (via a spectroscope) which could tell us what the UFO stimulus is made of.

Back in the warmth of our Addingham HQ will be where our files are stored, on paper and computer. The ZX Spectrum 48K we use will be programmed to search for patterns in the data. At our regular meetings we will be discussing what we find, in the anticipation this will point us towards new research avenues. We will not be desperately seeking things that the evidence suggests are not there!

But what about the rest of the ufological community? It is right that they be kept informed of our progress, news, ideas, reports and even set-backs or misdeeds, and errors (if and when they occur). For this reason we will be publishing "West Yorkshire UFO Scene" - a quarterly journal composed of 30-40 pages detailing our work. YUFOS already do a marvellous job of informing the rest of the world what they are up to, and it is only fair that we do the same.

Yet as a six-man team are we naive enough to think we know all the correct paths to tread? Of course not. We would appreciate help and advice from other interested parties - financial contributions especially!

WYUFOG will continue to support NUFON - UFO Research North. But if you wish to contact us and/or subscribe to the new magazine, then please write to our coordinator (and BUFORA Regional Investigations Coordinator) Nigel Mortimer at :- 33 Green Lane Addingham Ilkley West Yorkshire LS29 0JH (Tel: Addingham 831264)

NE NE NE IMPORTANT NOTE

After a break of three years we have decided to reinstate regular NUFON get-togethers (but with a breath of fresh air brought to them). Part of the proceedings each time will be devoted to a specific controversial theme current within the UFO subject. Specialists will be invited to speak on the theme and general debate afforded. We hope to hold two such meetings each year, at locations spread throughout the region. But this will depend upon groups offering themselves as hosts for the next, and subsequent, seminars.

For the first meeting (still being planned) the controversy over abduction memories care of regression hypnosis will be assessed, with the help of Harry Harris (who has researched such cases with MUFORA and Dr Sheridan King, a psychologist working with WYUFOG). Full details will be published about this feature and the remaining facets of the get-together. But WYUFOG have agreed to be hosts and a venue in BRADFORD is being organised. The date has been finalised and so please keep free the weekend of OCTOBER 13/14 1984. Further information (via an SAE) from WYUFOG.



FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-
Major articles elsewhere

BUFORA BULLETIN 012 (Inc. BUFORA sub. C/o 30 Vermont Rd London SE19 3SR)
Anyone interested in the Rendlesham Forest case should subscribe to BUFORA for this issue alone! A detailed (mostly accurate) resume of the December 1983 debate staged by BUFORA on the case, featuring Brenda Butler, Dot Street, Harry Harris and Keith Beabey (News of the World) on the pro side and Ian Ridpath giving his explanation. Jenny Randles discusses her American research tour. John Barrett gives a detailed analysis of Hessdalen goings-on. And Stewart Campbell writes to deny that there is anything strange going on in the Pennines! Good stuff- 42pp.

YUFOS QUEST Mar/Apr 1984 (£4.6 issues, I Wharfeside Ave, Threshfield, Grassington, Yks)
Nothing strange going on in the Pennines - eh! Dear old Stewart should read this! 40pp packed with close encounters under investigation by YUFOS. Including a detailed report on the Ground Saucer Watch computer enhancement investigation of what appears to be a bona-fide UFO photograph (which achieved much recent national media interest). Good value from the country's busiest (and probably biggest) local group.

INFINITY Vol 2 No 2 (?? Quarterly 73 Torbrex Rd Cumbernauld Glasgow G67 2JU)
A piece by Phillip Klass on UFO abductions and regressions, culled from his latest anti-UFO tract. More excerpts promised in future issues.

EARTHQUEST Spring 1984 (£1.50, 60pp, 19 St Davids Way, Wickford, Essex SS11 8EX)
Anyone who knows Andy Collins and his past publications does not need to be told that this is huge, detailed (packed with photos, maps and sketches) and super stuff. Not much UFO oriented these days, but a major three-article symposium on the recent big-cat sightings that I know many a UFO researcher is interested in.

UFO RESEARCH AUSTRALIA Vol 4 No 3 (\$ 18 Aus PO Box 229, Prospect, S. Australia 5082)
Aside from the usual cases and news in this excellent Australian journal a good piece by veteran American writer George Earley ("Saucer Tales") gives a marvellous skeptical look at alleged UFO crashes. Not debunking, not credulous, but pertinent!

APRO BULLETIN Mar/Apr/May 1984 (\$ 18 US 3910 E Kleindale Rd Tucson Az 85712)
Three issues with a lot about what is termed the "English flap" (mostly cases APRO know of and we don't!) A major two-part serial "The smoking gun" about the NSA and the UFO cover-up. Dr Robert Creegan gives what he claims is inside information on why the British MOD are covering-up. (It has to do with Britain's ties to the USA)

CUFOS Newsletter Feb/Mar 1984 (\$ 35 US PO Box 1621 Lima Ohio 45802)
A transcript of an unpublished interview with Ken Arnold, father of the modern UFO phenomenon following his 24 June 1947 sighting. Ken Arnold died, age 68, on 16 Jan 1984 in a Washington hospital.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT:

The World's Strangest Stories (FATE)

228pp, 1984, \$7.95 US (Inc post) from

FATE Magazine, 500 Hyacinth Place, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035 USA



FATE is one of the institutions of our genre, less well known in Britain than it should be since it stopped producing a UK edition from the Isle of Man. But it is still (just about) available in major newspaper chain stores, and some British ufologists (such as Hilary Evans, Peter Hough and myself) have begun sporadic contributions.

This book is a sort of "best of" FATE, divided into sections like "Things from out of this world", "Out of time" and "Glimpses of other realities". UFOs and UFO related themes figure often, and there is a section entitled "Strangest UFOs"

The articles span three decades (from 1952 to 1983) although most stem from the past ten years. They reflect FATE's policy of containing both witness accounts (in their own write) and analyses by leading researchers. When you see that there are pieces here by Coral Lorenzon, Loren Coleman, Larry Arnold, Nandor Fodor and D. Scott Rogo - you see the breadth of talent incorporated. There is even a John Keel article about MIBs, dating from April 1968.

Jerry Clark (FATE editor) includes his favourite UFO abduction account, which was investigated by the late Kenneth Arnold himself. This wacky story can be read either as a serious claim by witness Samuel Thompson, or a bit of fun. It is said to be true by the witness, but his 40 hours riding on board a spaceship and the promise of a return trip (if he tanned his skin and went naked!) takes some believing. But then, come to think of it, so do most abductions from today - thirty years later on!

This is one of the best reads I have had in a long time - a lovely mixture of entertainment, humour and the real hard stuff of anomaly research. If you don't have a good stock of the 400-plus back issues of FATEs continuing monthly success then you could do much worse than treat yourself to this. Take it on holiday with you.

One warning. You will doubtless become an addict and end up subscribing to FATE. But as our only mass-market outlet which contains serious stuff you ought to think about that anyway.

Whispers from Space (John Macvey) 283pp £2.50 Paladin 1976

Not a new book, but worth a brief mention as I read it when it was entered into the MUFORA library recently by member George Manson. It is about the best look at ET contact I have ever read. The rear cover actually asserts "Macvey is no wide-eyed UFO spotter", probably necessary because he does not dismiss out of hand the possible value of ufology to those who seek to establish radio contact with another planet. This is given place amongst lucid discussion of more conventional techniques and the problems of seeking intelligent life elsewhere in the universe... and what we would do if we found it! Macvey even includes (with admirable honesty) an account of his own UFO sighting on the Isle of Arran, during the September 1957 British wave. Find a copy and include it in your library, or group library.

Between the devil and the wide blue yonder

Kevin McClure

I was impressed by Jenny's decision to speak about the FSR problem (NUN 106) Having given so much to FSR, she must feel considerable righteous anger at what has happened. While it is no doubt difficult at present to sustain a constant flow of significant new UFO reports and investigations, there can be no excuse for the state of FSR. It consists too much of reprints and meaningless follow-ups to cases previously covered. Worse it is now wholly undermined by a lack of self-control on the part of the editor, whose attitudes and opinions dominate every issue.

Both Jenny and John Rimmer - editor of "Magonia" and a senior librarian himself - have commented on the ludicrous allegation that UFO books are being mysteriously removed from our libraries, as part of a government-inspired plot. That is pure paranoia - conspiracy theory at its silliest. Both, too, have remarked on the appalling image such ravings - combined with the intellectual poverty of the rest of the content - give to British ufology. As FSR's foreign circulation considerably exceeds that within the UK, many foreigners must have very strange ideas about us.

As if that were not serious enough, there is also the matter that Jenny was tolerant enough to gloss over; Gordon Creighton's belief in the demonic nature of UFO occupants, and their supposed influence in world affairs. It must be stressed these are not his ideas alone. They are reflected and developed in many extreme religious books published in the past seven years. It will not be long before fundamentalists and evangelicals are quoting Creighton and FSR as an authority!

Since Jenny wrote her piece two further Creighton declarations have appeared. In FSR Vol 29 No 4 (an editorial entitled "The problem of protection and the 'call from sleep'") and the Spring 1984 issue of MEETING THE THIRD MILLENNIUM (an article entitled "A new look at the UFO phenomenon"). Both develop the demonic theory in a notably apocalyptic direction, based on the influence of Ahriman (a sort of non-Christian Antichrist purveyed by Rudolf Steiner). I gather in private correspondence Creighton is given to quite specific, doom-laden prophecy, but things are made clear in his "new look" article:-

"As we approach the Millennium it looks indeed as though weird and extraordinary things are happening, maybe of an apocalyptic nature. While such evidence indicates that some UFO entities may seek to prevent global conflict here, there is also evidence that others may aim to provoke the holocaust. And, most disturbing of all, the Russian astronomer Dr Yuri Zigel has suggested that some types of entity can pass among us undetected and that infiltration has already occurred. Ahrimanic beings, in the right posts, would be well-placed to achieve their objectives.

In his FSR editorial Creighton makes clear where he sees himself in the great scheme of things:-

"One would like to suggest - and with some confidence - that, in the final reckoning, it will be the evolved level of consciousness that will give mankind the best protection, as it will lift them out of the sphere of influence of the lower forces... We, for our part, unless we have developed that higher consciousness, will be wise if we eschew these childish enthusiasms for 'contact', lest we too run into more than we had bargained for."

So, he is confident that he knows what is going on in the world, outside the world, in the future and in his own head. We cannot prove he is wrong in any respect, though such assumptions seem safe. But I do not see pity, or even anger, as a sufficient reaction.

Much of my personal research in recent years has involved cases concerning encounters with 'demons' in more traditional contexts. I must have reviewed thousands of cases. Only a handful have more than a superficial resemblance to any of the standard forms of UFO encounter. And only a slightly larger handful show any sign of being more than purely personal, non-objective experiences. Approaching the evidence in this way reveals no support whatever for Creighton's conclusions.

All of our best work is based on solid, sensible investigation: of facts, events, people and situations. Speculation is a luxury we can only afford after completing other tasks. If we are arguing any point, establishing any theory, we go back to the best and earliest research we can find. We trust that the research is accurate and has been fully and honestly presented. Future writers must be able to depend in this way on our work, our books, our articles and our investigations.

What is being represented in FSR is not just that UFO occupants have reality, intelligence and the capability of influencing the course of human life, but that they are acting in such a way as to make that life considerably more unpleasant and maybe to end it altogether. These are substantial claims which require substantial evidence.

Gordon Creighton's responsibility to tell the truth is no less than that of the rest of us. If he has evidence to support his claims then he has no right to keep it from other UFO investigators (who must have supplied much of it to him in raw form)

Follow-up at Telford: Report on an alleged UFO abduction.

A male and female entity come into the room but every time Val tries to recall them she feels a pain in her head. She knows they are 6' tall with dark shoulder length hair and blue eyes, with whitish skins and a green cloak on. They ignore her and seem more interested in her clothing. The female entity takes off Val's shoes and tries to walk in them!

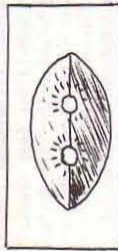
and joined her at the window. Here they both observed an enormous object (at least 100 ft in diameter) which was at a height of only 60 feet above the opposite rooftops. This object seemed to come from it. It was round and had a number of "panels" on the underside, but nothing was visible in them. Masses of light were pouring from a central projection, which was almost masked by the glare. After just a few seconds it shot into the sky at a speed "faster than anything on this planet."



LIKE AN ENORMOUS BALLOON... MUFORD Investigation

Orange, Cumbria

This is an interesting sighting which has similarities with the various stories we have featured of late that might be the new type of toy balloon. But in this case the same object was seen on two separate occasions. The first time Mr VL (a 53 yr old ecologist) was witness with his wife and son. On the second occasion he saw it alone, Shinginess, whilst driving in his car. The brilliant lights were piercing the air in the latter sighting. Both occurred in the vicinity of Orange over Sands, Cumbria at 13.50 and 15.55 during the afternoon.



The object was elliptical and a pinky red glowing colour, (described as "flame") on the second date. The first event took place on 1 January 1982 and the second on 27 November that year. In the first, multi-witness encounter it was seen for 20 minutes, and watched through binoculars as it drifted like an enormous balloon heading NE. Size was estimated as 40' across compared with houses visible through binoculars at the same sort of range. On the second occasion it was higher and in view just a few seconds before it was lost into cloud. The two "headlamps" glowed a brilliant yellow, moved SW. MUFORD regard this as a true UFO, and if it is a balloon it has unusual features.

AN OUTCAST AT THE MOTORDIKE SHOW... INST / P

Case 8250 June 8 1982 15.10 Ramsey, Isle of Man MUFORD (J. Handles & P. Warrington)

The weather for a few days around this time was excellent, hot, sunny and a faint breeze. I was staying for a few days in the Island's capital (Douglas) with Paul, who had gone to see the famous TT motorcycle races. The island was literally swamped with tens of thousands of tourists for this event.

When OC (a 37 year old extremely well qualified engineer with the MOD in Altherah) wrote to relate his sighting, this made the investigation much easier.

OC was at a display of vintage motorcycles in Mooreagh Park, Ramsey, when his attention was brought to a white ring, very fine in appearance, that was vertical in orientation, but at a slight angle. It seemed to be at about 500' and a subjective estimate of size was put at 30' diameter. It was very slender in appearance. The ring drifted very slowly to the west, at no more than 10 MPH, and disappeared in 2/3 minutes. At no time did it change in appearance, elevation or orientation. A large number of people in the park saw it. One said he had seen two other identical rings shortly before.

OC took two photographs of the object using his Chinon OM3 camera, with 150mm zoom lens. Shutter speed was one-tenth of a second. Film was AGFA 200 ASA. Whilst not properly exposed and showing a brilliant sky (the second shot does show trees) the faint ring is just visible on close examination of the print. Its visual appearance is exactly as described. The film was examined and pronounced genuine.

Investigation revealed a flying display had occurred at 15.00 (lasting a few minutes). It had just concluded shortly before the sighting. The aircraft involved was a Pitts Special and smoke was used to enhance the display. The investigators cannot prove it, but conclude that it is most probable the rings resulted from a combination of the aircraft, the highly stable weather conditions, and the presence of a very large crowd generating body heat.

MUFORD Case 8251 August 12 1982 09.30 Flockborough, Cumbria

Schoolboy saw bright cylinder (like a telescope) tumble through sky, reflecting sun. In view 15 seconds. Lost into cloud. No other witnesses. Slight rushing of air??

ANOTHER CASE OF MOONSHINE?

Case 8317 October 21 1983 00.00 Whitchurch, Shropshire MUFORD (J. Handles)

Mr and Mrs C were driving north along the A49 from Shrewsbury (after a family visit) to their home in Weaverham, Cheshire. Mr C is an engineer and a very cautious man. His wife is nervous and suffers easily from tension.

After being on a very quiet road (no other traffic) for around 30 minutes they realized that something was pursuing the car. It was disco-like and projecting out strong beams of white light. These entered the car and struck their feet. It's first appearance was when it flew over the trees ahead of them and "beamed down" onto the car. Mrs C felt she could smell burning. But nothing appears to have confirmed this. However, she became so frightened that an attack of hypertension came on and she was very ill. The rest of the drive became a nightmare for Mr C, as well as his wife.

At Tarporley they saw the object again as it seemed to shoot across the road in front of them. They thought they could hear a faint swishing noise. At Cuddington they obtained the closest view (as a fluorescent white oval with a slight dome on top and two green, two red and a brilliant amber light on it - in a line). It remained in the same position relative to the car until just after Cuddington and then was lost to sight. But Mr C cared about little else except getting his wife home.

He thought long and hard about reporting it to Jodrell Bank, before doing so (from which it reached MUFORD, later on the day of occurrence). This facilitated our work. A postulated time lapse by the witnesses was seen to be more likely miscalculation. And the weather that night was very clear and frosty. There was a brilliant full moon that on an open road would certainly have illuminated the car. Mr and Mrs C were each asked individually if there had been a moon and they said "I don't think so". This means it is virtually certain that this complex moose encounter (with alleged effects) was caused by nothing more than the full moon!

Yet again we have to ask how two apparently sensible witnesses can be so lead astray by such a mundane phenomenon? This class of case is becoming quite a fascinating little mystery in its own right!

Case 8403 February 14 1984 19.15 St Helens, Merseyside MUFORD (D. Blades)
Mrs BM, 34 year old Youth Training Scheme supervisor, was driving away from home when she saw a brilliant W LITS in the SW. Elevation 60 degrees. Size of golf ball at arms length. It moved to the S and disintegrated. When she looked after another minute it had gone. Probably an aircraft inbound to Manchester or Liverpool airport.

Case 8404 February 27 1984 17.32 Heysham, Lancs MUFORD (D. Blades)
Mrs S, retired lady, was drawing her curtains when she saw a very strange object gliding like a butterfly past her window. It was very close and was as big as the full moon, at its most distant! It comprised alternating perfect circles of grey/black and silver and shone brightly. After about 1 minute it was lost to the S.



RETIAPPH FOR AN EARTHQUAKE... Reported by Janet Ford

Case 8405

On April 15 1984 at 22.06 an earthquake measuring 3.3 on the Richter scale struck Poyry, Wales, centring on Kerry (just 6 miles from the home of well-known writers Janet and Colin Ford). They missed the quake, as they were driving home from a trip. They had neared home at 00.10 (2 hours after the tremor - which at this time they knew nothing about, of course) when Janet saw a bright "star" below the full moon. It moved from the left, to a point immediately beneath the moon, where it entered a small cloud. The sky was otherwise very clear but the "star" never emerged. It was only in view 1 minute and Colin, who was driving, was not alerted to it. The event took place at Churchstoke, on the Shropshire/Welsh border, just a mile from Offak Dyke.

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AN UNEXPECTED VISIT TO THE TOILET! WYUFORG report by M.Dagless, S.Hart, N.Mortimer.

Date: March 13 1979 Time: 20.00 Location: Alverthorpe, West Yorkshire

Mr WP is an electrical engineer, aged 28 at time of event. He set off to visit a local pub to meet some friends for a drink, but on this cold night found himself taking an unusual and illogical route across wet and muddy playing fields. This "pre-encounter" phase of peculiar behaviour (as if to lead a witness to the right place) has been noted before by researchers into CE3 and CE4 cases.

Half way across the field he saw a bright light hanging in the sky. He knew the spot and so wondered about this unfamiliar light, but dismissed it as a security lamp on a building site that was in that general area. A few moments later he glanced back and the light was now bigger and apparently moving towards him. He began to hastily move away, although the object was still only a light source at a height of maybe 40'.

WP rushed off the fields and onto the lane that leads directly to the pub. He noticed it was unusually deserted. But the object was now close above him, between him and the pub, and was a structured device surrounded by greenish mist. It was perhaps 100' from him.

He estimates that the object was 20-30' wide and 6-10' high, like an elongated oval in shape. It seemed to be made out of a sort of solid "gunmetal" but was silent. The mist rolled around it, seemed fluorescent and glowed onto the surface of the object. WP also realised that the ambient sounds he would have expected to hear had gone. Everything was strangely quiet (the OZ Factor).

WP had only seconds to take this in. For suddenly (with no sense of transition) he was inside the men's toilets, adjacent to the pub, staring at the outer wall as if he were ready to walk out. He has no idea how he got there!

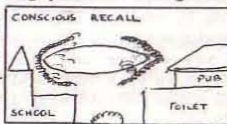
Feeling very confused he used the toilet when somebody walked in, to mask his embarrassment. Then he walked into the pub and promptly forgot all about the UFO! The barman told him he was "a lucky man". There had been a power failure just before he came in and all the pumps had gone off. But it had rectified itself now.

It was three days before the story as described above came back to him. The way of recalling it is interesting. It is worth quoting the witness from the transcript included in the excellent WYUFORG case report... "If you can imagine that you have got a thought right at the back of your mind and you are very aware of the fact that



something is there, but you don't bother to think about it; Rather like a "lazy" feeling and as if you don't really need to remember what is there." But when the memory did come back it was incomplete, as recorded. Over the years he was never to recall how he got from the closest view of the object to being inside the toilets. He says he started asking himself "Did it really happen?" "Did I really go to the pub on Monday night?" But he knew in his head that he did. But he only plucked up courage to tell his wife a long time later.

WP was found by the investigators to be a sincere man, clearly embarrassed by his strange story which had no supportive evidence. He has taken a deep interest in UFOs and often goes out, camera in hand, determined to get better evidence. He has seen a few lights. Once he saw a brilliant light shining through his bedroom window that seemed to be "hypnotising" him. But he dismisses this as "maybe venus". He has had no other unusual experiences and impressed all the team as an honest and reliable man. He is artistic and creative (a common factor) and the group find it relevant that he does not elaborate an imaginative fantasy and still cannot recall anything of the missing time. But he believes the green mist is very important. It was (you may recall) an element of the famous Aveley "time-less" abduction.



Regression hypnosis, under the auspices of Dr Sheridan King, has so far revealed little additional information. The precise date was obtained this way and a clearer sketch of the UFO at closest approach. Dr King believes more information will be obtained in the wake of the hypnotic regression by spontaneous memory.

WYUFORG promise a further report on this aspect of the case, in an effort to ascertain what transpired in the missing memory period. This will appear later in NUN.

REVENGE OF THE SQUASHED UFO MUFORA report by Jenny Handles

Date: November 9 1980 Time: 20.15 Location: Mobberley, Cheshire

This began as a straightforward report by Mr JG, a cargo handler at Manchester Airport. On the date in question he had left his sisters in Knutsford five minutes before and was in a taxi with his wife, daughter and mother-in-law. All four (plus the taxi-driver) saw the object, although JG had seen it first as a pinkish light high in the sky. But it paced the car (heading east) until a forest blocked it from view. The taxi then approached a bridge over a railway line (the line heading north towards Altrincham). The object was now hovering over a field beside the line and it fell until it almost landed. However, in one movement it climbed again and then headed away to the north, seeming to follow the rail-lines.

The object was a brilliant pink on the outside and a very bright white in the middle. It seemed to shimmer. The Airport is 2 miles east of here. But JG is very familiar with all types of air traffic, due to his work. He is convinced this was not a helicopter.

Upon inquiry it proved that this was merely one in a long line of encounters by JG. The key starting point for these came in March 1979 (see above case) when he ran over a UFO!

At the time JG was an HGV driver and was returning from Crewe on the A54 in his 3 Ton Dodge truck. It was 16.40 and he was near Middlewich. He passed a farm and saw 4 strange white objects that were round, atop a rise beside the road. As he neared them one climbed gently into the air, fell to the ground again and rolled down the slope right under his wheels. He was too close to stop! He turned back and returned to the scene, sure he had hit an animal of some sort and expecting to find it squashed on the road. There was nothing. It was now dusk and he turned the lorry again to carry on. The three remaining objects were still on the top of the slope, looking like inanimate boulders silhouetted against the skyline.

This delay made him late back to his Manchester depot and he was told off for this. The manager disbelieved his story and sent him to Leicester without checking the truck. On his way back (about noon the next day) he broke down and the AA had to come to him. The patrol found a small hole in the radiator.

JG speculates that, since there was a small wood opposite the farm where the three or four "things" were - this could have hidden a "mother ship". The "things" might have been probes, one of which attached itself to his truck to follow him home!

Some months later (either the 11 or 13 August 1979) JG awoke at his Wythenshawe home in the early hours to see two orange/red balls with a dark bar between them (thus forming a dumb-bell shape) hovering over opposite rooftops. The centre of the rings were jet black. He leant out of the window as far as he could, closed his eyes and kept them shut for ten minutes! When he opened them again (he had fortunately not fallen out of the window!) but the object was still there. He now knew it was not imagination. The object then receded backwards and vanished. This is a very similar object to that seen this year by the witness to the time lapse case at Church Stowe.

One last sighting occurred on October 25 1981 at 17.45 when he was working at the Airport, about to pull out a Laker Airways BAC-111 for passenger loading. Two other ground crew were with him. Over in the JMW they saw a big "star" which moved from side